

Claims 1-7 and 10 are readable on the embodiment of Figure 1 and on the embodiment of Figure 2.

In both embodiments the diaphragm element limits a pressure chamber 50a which is hydraulically connected through a throttling device with the return passage 64b of the pressure regulating valve. The reference numerals in both figures are identical.

In both embodiments the pressure chamber is formed in the valve flange 14 as defined in claim 2.

In both embodiments the throttling device is formed by a gap between a piston 46 in Figures 1 and 2 and a guiding opening 48. In Figure 2 the guide is formed by the part 9 defined in claim 3.

In both embodiments the throttling device can be formed however by the connecting passage 74 between the pressure chamber and the return passage as defined in claim 4 and shown in Figures 1 and 2.

In both embodiments the connecting passage 74 has at least one orifice opening which is not shown in the drawings, as defined in claim

5.

In both embodiments a separate hat orifice inserted in the connecting passage is provided as defined in claim 6.

In both embodiments the connecting passage 74 is open into the return passage 64b as defined in claim 7.

Claim 8 is readable exclusively on the embodiment of Figure 1 while claim 9 is readable exclusively on the embodiment of Figure 2.

Claim 10 can be also considered as readable on both embodiments of Figures 1 and 2, since in both embodiments the coil core and the armature at least partially extend into the interior of the coil as defined in claim 9.

Claim 11 is readable on the embodiment of Figure 1, while claim 12 is readable on the embodiment of Figure 2.


It is respectfully submitted that in order to be responsive the applicant elects for further prosecution the species of Figure 1. Claims 1-8,

10 and 11 are readable in this embodiment. However, at the same time the Examiner's election requirement is respectfully traversed. As explained herein above, the majority of the claims are readable on both embodiments. Therefore, it is also respectfully requested to prosecute further the claims related to the second embodiment.

Consideration of the present application on the merits and its allowance is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



Michael J. Striker
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 27233